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Kunihiko Miyazaki et al.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.